Wabaunsee, Kansas.
April 29th 1872.
Have returned today from Junction City where I yesterday supplied the pulpit of Rev. Jucklet. This afternoon again worked hard at the house which I have here purchased, & am repairing & improving. Owing to the difficulty of obtaining men to work I have had to do a large part of the labor myself, & have thus been hindered from study, till I am heartily sick of the undertaking. This evening wrote to J. H. Reed, Burt Gains, & D. Vandever.
Tues. April 30th. Working at house.
Wed. May 1st, 1872
At home working at house

Thurs. May 2nd Working at house all forenoon— afternoon visiting the Sick.
Frid. 3rd At home work=ing at house—
Sat 4th At home. Work=ing forenoon—Studying home afternoon.
Sund. 5th Spoke briefly & administered Commu=nion. Also preached fu=neral of Kate Abbott. Evening Spoke briefly at Prayer meeting.
Mond. 6 Spent most of the day at Wamego—making various purchases.
Tues. 7th At home till evening— Now leave for Topeka & thence for Ft. Scott to attend the annual meeting of the State Congregational Associ=

ation.

Wed. May 8th At Topeka — during forenoon. Afternoon came to Kansas City; & during the night came on to Ft. Scott.

Thur. 9 Attending Association

Frid 10 " "

Sat 11 " "

Sund. 12 Preached in Baptist Ch. Ft. Scott, forenoon.

Mond. 13 Came from Ft. Scott to Topeka.

Tues. 14 Came home — Found all well.

Wed. 15th At home — Studying some.

Thurs. 16 At home. Planting in Garden.

Frid. 17 At home.

Sat. 18 Went to Wamego afternoon

Sund. 19 Preached forenoon — Also spoke briefly at night.

Mond. 20th At home Planting some in garden. Wrote

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to Crider & Bro. remitting
$1.67.

Tues. 21st At home. Working
some at home. Wrote to
Dr. J. E. Kepler & D. Vander=
veer.

Wed. 22nd. At home till ~~near~~
noon. Came to Louisville
to attend Council to ordain
Bro. Scribner — Attended the
examination in after=
noon & preached in the ev=
ening.

Thurs. 23rd Came home from
Louisville.

Frid 24th Making Gar=
den.

Sat. 25th. Working at
home most of the day.

Sund. 26th — Preached forenoon
& Spoke briefly in the
evening.

Mond. At home — Working in garden.

Tues. May 28th At home – working at house –
Wed. 29th Working at house.
Thurs 30 – Working at house – part of the time.
Frid. 31 – Went to Alma – Lectured at night.
Sat. ~~May~~ June ~~Sund~~ 1st, 1872
Came home from Alma, Studying some.
Sund. 2nd Preached forenoon – Conducted meeting at night.
Mond. 3. Working in garden & Painting at home. Evening wrote to L. Vandeveer & Burt C. Gaines.
Tues. 4 Working half the day at house.
Wed. 5 Visiting a little – Not well.
Thurs. 6 Wrote to Dr. Kepler. Visiting.
Frid. 7 Visiting
Sat. 8 Attending Teachers Asso=

ciation –
Sund. 9th Preached – morning & conducted meeting in the evening.
Mond. 10 Working at house –
Tues. 11 Studying a little, Working at house – visiting.
Wed. 12 Visiting –
Thurs. 13 Visiting – most of the day. Rain in afternoon
Frid. 14 Visiting – all day.
Sat. 15 Visiting – afternoon – Studying forenoon & at night.
Sund. 16 Preached forenoon – Afternoon preached at School-House – near McDonalds. Evening Bro. Jones spoke at Wabaunsee.
Mond 17 Working in garden
Tues. 18 Working at house.
Wed 19 Working at house.
Thurs. 20 Studying some –
Frid 21 Studying & visiting the sick –

Sat. 22 Studying—
Sund. 23 Preached forenoon, & Spoke briefly at night.
Mond. 24 Working in garden forenoon – visiting afternoon.
Tues. 25 Visiting.
Wed. 26 Visiting – & attending Teachers' Institute at Wamego.
Thurs. 27 Visiting.
Frid. 28th Wrote Rev. J. B. McAfee – Studying
Sat. 29 Studying part of the day.
Sund. 30 Preached forenoon – & married Elbridge H. Gilmore & Adolie A. Jackson. Evening Spoke briefly.

July 1st 1872.

Mond. 1 Wrote to Independent, Eaton & Olney, Brown & McBride, J. H. Reed & Bro. & Jacob F. Blessing.

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Tues. 2nd Visiting –
Wed. 3rd Studying some.
Thurs 4 Attending celebration
Frid. 5 Visiting & Studying
Sat. 6 Studying – Also visited two or three families.
Sund 7th Preached forenoon & conducted meeting at night – Communion in the morning.
Mond 8 Visiting
Tues. 9 "
Wed. 10 Wrote S. J. H. Snyder
Thurs. 11 Came with Bro. Lines to Dover, Shawnee Co. to attend a Council – Attended Council during afternoon & preached in the evening.
Frid. 12 Came home from Dover – Very warm day.
Sat. 13 Studying –
Sund. 14 Preached forenoon – also at Haynes School House after-

noon — & Spoke briefly ag=
ain in the evening.

Mond 15 Working in garden part
of the day.

Tues. 16 Entertaining visitors

Wed. 17 " " part
of the day. Wrote J. H. Reed &
Bro. & Eaton & Olney.

Thurs. 18 Studying some

Frid 19 Entertaining visitors
most of the day.

Sat. 20 Studying — Wrote to C.
S. Wyatt — F. Chapman.

Sund. 21 Preached forenoon & Spoke
in the evening.

Mond. 22 Went to Wamego.

Tues. 23rd Working at home & visit
ing sick.

Wed. 24th " " At home

Thurs. 25 Studying some

Frid 26th Making preparations
to go up Solomon valley to
attend a Council at Cawker
& Osborne

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Sat. 27 At home, Studying a little.

Sund. 28 Attended Funeral of Mr. Cutler - Bro. Jukes Speaking briefly to the people at the church Evening Spoke briefly.

Mond. 29th Started in company with Bro. Griswold & Dr. Weaver for Cawker Reached the highlands beyond Junction & camped for the night

Tues. 30th Came to Solomon City - The forenoon was rainy & the roads muddy. Lodged with Mr. Follett.

Wed. 31st Reached a place above Glasgow & camped.

Thurs. Aug. 1st Arrived at Cawker a little before Sun Set. All well.

Frid. Aug. 2nd Attended the

meeting of the Council in the forenoon & preached at 3 in the afternoon — also heard Rev. Parker preach at night

Sat. 3rd Visited the "Great Spirit Salt Spring 3 miles S. E. of Cawker & came thence to Osborne. There attended Council meeting in the evening.

Sund 4 At Osborne — Attended Sunday School meeting & also recognition services & Communion during the day & evening.

Mond. 5 Returning homeward reached a place 5 miles above Glasgow & camped.

Tues. 6 Came to Lindsey & here delay to attend to some items of business

Wed. 7 Came to Solomon City

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via Salina. Lectured on Africa in Baptist Ch. Lodged with Mr. Tollett.

Thurs 8 Came to Highlands 5 miles east of Junction City & camped.

Frid. 9 Came home a little afternoon. All well – Thank God.

Sat. 10th At home – Studied a little – but feel very dull.

Sund. 11 Forenoon conducted services appropriate to the children – when Bro. L. Platt delivered a brief & excellent address. – Afternoon appointment at Hayne's School House omitted on account of heavy & continuous rain – Prayer Meeting in the evening but slenderly attended.

Mond. 12th At home. Wrote to Sister Electa. Attended funeral of Mr. Kennedy's child.

Tues. 13th Working part of the day at home. Visiting
Wed. 14 Working in lot—Reading some.
Thurs. 15 At home forenoon—
Frid 16 Attended funeral of Mr. Brown—
Sat. 17th Studying.
Sund 18 Rev. Barker being here on a visit among his friends preached this morning—Afternoon, preached at Hemples School House—Evening held Services at the church.
Mond. 19 At home forenoon—Wrote Rev. S.S. Storrs. Visited several serious young persons.
Wed. 20th Working in lot forenoon—Afternoon married Mr. Levi M. Benedict & Miss Mary G. Keyes—at the house of Rev. H. Jones.

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Wed. 21st Visiting forenoon - afternoon married Peter Bovet & Mary White at the parsonage.

Thurs. At home

Frid. 23rd Studying forenoon - Visiting afternoon at Mr. Baldwins.

Sat. 24 Studying - wrote to J. H. Reed. very warm day.

Sund 25 Preached forenoon - Evening held meeting - Several requested the prayers of Christians.

Mond. 26th Visiting Some -

Tues. 27 - Visiting - Evening held a meeting with those who desire to unite with the church & others - A good attendance & interesting time

Wed. 28 At home. Working some at home -

Thurs. 29 Meeting in afternoon - 12 members admitted -

Frid. 30 Working at home

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Sat. 31 Studying—

Sund. 1 September 1872
Preached forenoon—received 12 members—administered Communion.

Mond. 2nd At home—preparing for a trip up through the N. W. part of the State in behalf of Bro. Storrs, Supt. of Home Missions.

Tues. 3rd Started, in afternoon for Solomon Valley—Lodged with Mr. Follett at Solomon City.

Wed. 4 Came to Lindsey by hack & thence by buggy with Dr. Nessler, to Geo. N. Nichols 2 miles N. E. of Delphos—

Thurs. 5th Came from Delphos to Jewell City & lodged at the Jewell House—A cessant

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followed by a ball in the dining room.

Frid. 6th Visiting about Jewell City—Prospect for Congregational Ch. not so encouraging as represented but still fair.

Sat. 7th Rain all day & night—at Mr. McCalding's

Sund. 8th Attended preaching by a "Disciple" in the morning—Preached afternoon in a Store Room at Jewell City—Had Prayer & Conference meeting appointed for tonight, but the rain caused it to fail. Lodge with Mr. Robertson

Mond. 9th Came from Jewell City to Delphos, & lodge with Bro. Geo. N. Nichols.

Tues. 10th Came to Lindsey—making some calls on the way. Lodge with Rev.=

ey M. Decker -
Wed. 11 At Lindsey - Attend-
to some little matters on
my property here -
Thurs. 12 Visiting about Lind-
sey.
Frid. 13th Visiting about Lind-
sey
Sat. 14th Came to Delphos -
Spoke briefly at a Temper-
ance meeting.
Sund. 15th Preached forenoon in
School House near Delphos -
& in the evening in the
Court Room at Minne-
apolis. Large attendance -
Lodge with Geo. J. Root -
2 mi. from Minneapolis.
Mond. 16th At Lindsey Lectured
on Africa in the evening.
Tues. 17 Came from Lindsey to
Sol. City - & thence by rail to
Wamego & thence home on
foot. All pretty well -

Wed. 18th At home — Attending to various small matters.

Thur. 19 Visiting — Entertaining visitors.

Frid. 20 Visiting some —

Sat. 21 — Went to Wanego.

Sund. 22 Rev. R. M. Tunnell — preached for me in the morning & left for Alma, & then home — Evening meeting well attended.

Mond. 23rd Suffering from Rheumatism — did but little

Tues. 24th Still have Rheumatism. Studied part of the day.

Wed. 25th Studying — Preparing an essay for meeting of our Association. Wrote to Rev. S. L. Storrs

Thur. 26th Studying —

Frid. 27th Visiting some. Wrote to

Pierce & Co. Wrote Dr. Keppler

Sat. 28 Wrote ~~to Dr. Keppler~~
Studied part of the day
Wrote to Nellie Smith.

Sund. 29 Preached forenoon & conducted meeting at night.

Mond. 30th Wrote to Sister Martha - Studied some - had visitors &c.

Tues.

October 1st 1872.
Wrote to Dr. Keppler remitting $2.00 to be loaned to H. M. Drescher - to J. H. Reed, H. M. Drescher - Chas. S. Wyeth, & Rev. J. B. McAfee requesting him to pay Mr. Lines $23.16.

Wed. 2 Studying some - Went to Wamego -

Thur. 3 Studying -

Frid. 4th Finished writing essay for Association

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Sat. 5 Studying.
Sund. 6 Preached forenoon — After noon attended funeral of Mr. Ross — Evening, preached at Alma.
Mond. 7 Came home from Alma & went Wamego.
Tues. 8 Came to Vienna to attend the meeting of our Local Association — Not well — having taken cold — Heard Bro. Blakesley preach a good sermon that evening.
Wed. 9 At Vienna — attending the meeting of Association. Read an Essay on the Social Element in Religion — Came home tonight —
Thurs. 10 At home — Not well — Did no Studying — Sore throat — Took in Garden vegetables
Frid. 11 At home — Had two Carpenters doing little

jobs about the house — Cold
still continues. Throat quite
sore

Sat. 12th At home. Wrote Rev.
J. B. McAfee, & Dr. Jeppler —
& H. S. Fairfield

Sund. 13th Being very hoarse
from the effect of cold,
I obtained Bro. Jones to
preach for me — He gave
us an excellent sermon.
This evening had a dis=
cussion on the duty of
the Church to offending
members. A good attend-
ance; & a good meeting.
Feel somewhat better
tonight.

Mond. 14th At home — Working
most of the day; but am
not at all well.

Tues. 15 At home. Wrote J. H. Reed
& Bro. Rev. J. B. McAfee & V.
F. Follett.

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Wed. 16th At home. Wrote to
" Mother, Martha & Electa,
& to D. Vandeveer, remitting $5 interest.

Thurs. 17th At home - Working
some at home.

Frid. 18 Studying - Evening
attended Festival -

Sat. 19. Studying - visiting.

Sund. 20th Preached forenoon &
afternoon Spoke at Harper's
School House. Evening
Mrs. Beech addressed the
people concerning the
Home for Friendless Wo=
men at Leavenworth

Mond. 21st At home - Working
part of day & Studying
part. Wrote Rev. J. B. Mc.
Afee.

Tues. 22nd Visiting some members
in trouble with each other -
Studied part of the day.
Wrote to Bro. Edmund.

& sister Robbie. Also to Dr. Kepler remitting him a draft for $50 to be used in paying taxes at Lindsey this State.

Wed. 23rd Went to Wamego.

Thurs. 24th At home - Read [illegible]

Frid. 25 At home - Working about fence

Sat. 26th Studying

Sund. 27 Preached forenoon; & evening held meeting in the evening -

Mond. ~~28~~ 28th At home - a rainy day - Reading Conybeare & Howson's Life of St Paul.

Tues. ~~29~~ 29th Still rainy - Reading.

Wed. ~~30~~ 30th At home - Working at Stable -

Thurs. ~~31~~ 31st - Working part of the day.

~~Frid. 27 Working part of the day.~~

Walamusee Kansas Ct.

~~Sat. 28~~ & November
Frid. 1 Studying
Sat. 2 Studying
Sund. 3 Held Communion. Preached received 5 members. Evening Spoke briefly.
Mond. 4th Went to Wamego. Worked part of the day
Tued. 5 Working rest of the day at Stable. Voted for Gen. Grant for President & also for the Regular Republican Ticket. Sent Mr. J. H. Fairfield $1.00. Received from J. H. Reed & Bro. Wrote J. H. Reed & Bro.
Wed. 6. At home. Working at Corn crib. Wrote to Dr. Kepler & Chas. S. Wyeth.
Thurs. 7 Working at Corn crib & Stable.

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Frid 8th Nov. Working at Stable all day

Sat 9th Working part of the day. Studied a little.

Sund. 10th Preached forenoon & conducted meeting at night.

Mond. 11 Reading here.

Tues. 12 Worked all day at Stable &c.

Wed. 13 Sick with cold.

Thurs. 14 Still unwell - Wrote Bro. Thomas & S. H. Fairfield. - For the last two days the weather has been severely cold - Water has frozen in the house & freezes quickly out of doors, so soon as spilled on the ground.

Frid. 15th Not well - Worked a little Read some.

Sat. 16 Studying most of the day.

Sund. 17 This morning another little Son was born to us at half past 10 O'clock - Could not

go to the church for morning
Services — Went this evening.
Susan is rather comfortable —
Thanks to God for his great
mercies to us! Write to Mrs.
Jas. R. Smith — & Harry R.
Smith.

Mond. 18th At home — Reading
Some. Write Rev. S. D. Storrs

Tues. 19th Went to Wamego for
Lumber & various other articles.
Very cold day — Am not well.

Wed. 20 Working most of the day
at Stable. Write to my Mother
& Sister Eliz. Rogers.

Thurs. 21 At home — Working
most of the day.

Frid. 22 At home attending
to various small matters.
Write to Mc. Bride & Burns.

Sat. 23rd Studying —

Sund. 24th Preached forenoon &
conducted meeting in the
evening.

Mond 25th Working most of the day – Had visitors – Wrote to Dr. Keplar.

Tues. 26th Working part of the day.

Wed. 27th Working part of the day.

Thurs. 28th Thanksgiving – Preached forenoon. Felt but little interest & preached poorly. Weather quite cold.

Frid. 29th Working most of the day at various small jobs.

Sat. 30 Studying – Wrote to N. J. Follett – Rebecca Smith & Mr. Pillsbury –

December

Sund. 1/72 – Preached forenoon at Watauchee – & Evening at Alma

Mond 2nd Came home from Alma – visiting a few families on the way.

Tues. 3rd At home working at Shed over Cistern.

Wed. 4 Visiting Sick – Working

part of the day — Wrote
Rev. J. B. McAfee.
Thurs. 5th Having watched
all night by the bed of
the sick — have not felt
well today — Worked
part of the day.
Fri. 6th Spent nearly of the
day with the sick!
Sat. 7 Busy all day in
visiting sick & attending
to small domestic affairs.
Sund. 8th Preached forenoon at
Walawulee & evening at
Alma — I came home after
preaching.
Mond. 9 At home — Do not
feel well.
Tues. 10th At home — Reading
Some — Wrote to Rev. Elbert &
Rev. M. J. Hixey.
Wed. 11th At home. Wrote to Dr.
Trepley, remitting Check on

Topeka National Bank for $45.30 to pay on taxes at Minneapolis — To Rev. J. B. McAfee — Nellie Smith & Sister Loretta.

Thurs. 12th Write to Bro. Thomas. Read Some

Fri. 13th Write Mr. L. Hadlow.

Sat. 14 Studying some — Doubtful well having watched all last night at Sickbed of a little friend. . . .

Sund. 15th Preached forenoon — Evening had a Temperance Meeting!

Mond. 16th Visited five families —

Tues. 17 Have done but little today. Our babe quite unwell.

Wed. 18. Write to Rev. Jackson — Studied Some — Visited two families.

Thurs. 19th The first Snow of any consequence is falling today — Commenced at about 8 O'clock A. M. Snow fallen to the depth of 6 inches

Wrote to H. R. Smith—Jac. F. Blessing & Geo. N. Nichols—& my mother—Studied some...

Frid 20th At home. Studying.

Sat. 21. Studying..

Sund 22 Preached forenoon—& conducted meeting at night—Very cold day—Only a few out.

Mond. 23rd—Very cold day—Engaged most of the day in various small matters about home—

Tues. 24—Still extremely cold—Mercury 14 deg. below zero, this morning. Wrote S. H. Fairfield.

Wed 25th Still very cold—Reading some

Thurs. 26th Very cold—Studying

Frid 27 A little more moderate—Studying—

Sat. 28—Pleasant winter weather—Studying some—

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Sund. 29th Preached, forenoon & conducted meeting at night.
Mond. 30th Wrote to Dr. Tefler remitting Check for $47.61, the balance of tax due in Ottawa county. Working some
Tues. 31st Last night a snow fell some 12 inches deep – Today a pleasant winter day. Studying & reading most of the. Visited the sick. Examined my accounts for the past year. Find our expenses for the year closing today have been – exclusive of Taxes – on land $ 9.03 .01 Being some $97.00 less than the Salary –
In examining into my Spiritual Standing, I can hardly say that I find it equally good. How sad that this which is so much more important should be comparatively neglected!

1872 = Watarundee

January.

Wed. 1st At home. Studying some – visited a little. All the family well – Thank God that it is so! May God help me more fully to serve him during this year than I have done during the last!

Thurs. 2nd Studyed some – Today had our annual meeting – Pretty good attendance – & a harmonious meeting. More snow fell last night – It is now more than a foot deep. Weather moderate. Wrote to James R. Smith.

Frid 3rd – Cold Snowy weather – Not well today – Studied some.

Sat. 4th Still more snow – Now a depth of about 16 inches & very heavy – & yet the winds constantly drift it about & fill up all the paths that are broken.

Sund. 5th A very small attendance at Church today on account

of the State of the roads – Communion deferred till next Sunday. Baptized one infant that of Bro. Willig.
Not at all well – Sore throat & soreness of muscles throughout the body.

Mond. 6th Colder today – Am quite unwell – with sore throat & head ache.

Tues. 7 Reading – Weather cold – Am not well.

Wed 8 Weather still cold – & Roads bad on account of snow drifts – Reading most of the day.

Thurs. 9 Colder than yesterday Mercury this morning down to 10 deg. below zero. Wrote to Jacob F. B. Sperry. & to Rebecca Smith.

Frid. 10th Wrote Harvey G. Rogers –

Sat. 11 Studying some – Weather has turned warm.

Sund. 12th Preached & administered communion forenoon- Conducted meeting at night- Small attendance this evening, the roads being in bad condition- from rapid thawing of the Snow.

Mond. 13 Went to Wamego to attend to some business with Mr. Fairfield. Sent $12.50 to J. F. Blessing for taxes in Jackson Co. Ills.

Tues. 14th Wrote Rev. M. J. Firey Dr. J. E. Keppler & J. H. Reed.

Wed. 15th Chopping wood part of the day- Reading the rest of the time.

Thurs. 16 Studying most of the day. Visited several families-

Frid. 17 Studying- Most of the day. Wrote to Jacob. F. Blessing.

Sat. 18th Reading & Studying-

Sund. 19th Preached forenoon, & conducted meeting at night. A fair attendance- for the state of the roads.

January 1873 —

Mond. 20th visiting part of the day — Wrote Rebecca Smith enclosing a note dated Jan. 10th '73 for $614.00 with 10 per cent —

Tues. 21 — Reading — visiting sick, & visiting the School.

Wed. 22 Studying — & preparing word.

Thurs. 23 Reading most of the day

Frid 24 Reading. Studying.

Sat. 25 Wrote Prof. J. Baskitt Webb, Urbana Ills.

Sund 26 Preached forenoon on Home Missions — Evening conducted meeting.

Mond. 27th Wrote F. Robinson — to Edwin Brown — Went Wamego.

Tues. 28th Read some. Wrote to Rebecca Smith, & Dr. Trepleon, to Rev. R. S. Parker —

Wed. 29th Studying

Thurs. 30 Reading & visiting

Frid. 31 Wrote Henry Wolfensperger -

February 1873.

Sat. 1 Studying Some - Walking.
Sund. 2nd Preached forenoon at Watauwee & evening at Alma.
Mond. 3 Attended to some business at Alma & came home. Wrote to J. B. McAfee - inclosing Draft on New York - for $353.90.
Tues. 4th Wrote to Lester Mallie -
Wed. 5 Wrote to D. Vanderveer, Esq.
Thurs. 6 Attended funeral of C. L. Burt - Preached funeral Sermon in the Church.
Frid. 7th Studying -
Sat. 8 Studying - Evening, a meeting of Trustees.
Sund. 9 Preached forenoon - & conducted meeting in the evening.
Mond. 10th At home till noon - afternoon & Started for Russell in the West part of the

State to attend a Council there. Lodged all night at Salina.

Tues. 11th Reached Russell at 1 O'clock P. M. attended Council during the afternoon—Evening participated in exercises of recognizing the Church,

Wed. 12—Reached at Russell at 10 O'clock A. M. when the Lord's Supper was celebrated. Afternoon came to Hays City to consider the matter of completing an organization of a Congregational Church there. Reached in the evening & participated in the exercises of recognizing a Church.

Thurs. 13th At the request of Rev. S. D. Storrs I came with him to Ellis to inquire into the religious condition & prospects of the place.

afternoon returned to Hays & came with Rev. Parker to Manhattan.

Frid. 14 Came home. Found all well.

Sat 15th Studying.

Sund. 16th Preached forenoon & conducted meeting in the evening.

Mond. 17th Studying—Wrote Peter Iseta inclosing $10. Dr. J. E. Tefler, Rev. J. B. Corbett, & Mr. Walfordsperger.

Tues. 18th Writing out Funeral address of Charlie Lewis Burt for publication. Wrote to S. H. Fairfield & Rev. S. D. Hons.

Wed. ~~Tues~~. 19 At home. Worked part of the day. Wrote to Wats Rebecca Smith inclosing a Note dated Jan. 10th 73—for $650. with 10 per cent interest to be held instead of one sent some

time ago — the latter to be destroyed!

Frid 21st Walking Some — Write to sister Maria.

Sat. 22nd At home forenoon — Afternoon came to Louisville to preach tomorrow — having agreed to exchange pulpits with Rev: Hoddle. Lodge with Mr. Benton.

Sund. 23rd At Louisville. Preached morning & evening. A cold & windy day — Attendance small in the morning — larger in the evening.

Mond 24th Came home. A snow storm this afternoon.

Tues. 25 Reading

Wed. 26 Reading & Studying.

Thurs 27 Reading forenoon — Visiting sick afternoon.

Frid 28th Studying —

~~Sat. 29 Went to Wamego.~~

~~Sund.~~

Sat. March 1st 1873.
Went to Wamego.
Sund. 2nd Preached forenoon, & afternoon came to Alma & preached in the evening.
Mond. 3rd Came home.
Tues. 4 Reading - Wrote Rev. J. B. McAfee inclosing Draft for $ 38 for which he is to return Sec Bill. Also wrote to The Advance. Rev. D. S. Storrs, & G. A. Jones Esqr.
Wed. 5 Reading - Had Company
Thurs. 6 - Studying - Visiting
Frid. 7th Attended Funeral of Child of Mr. Kealte. Company in the evening.
Sat. 8th - Studying -
Sund. 9th. Preached forenoon & administered Communion. Conducted meeting in the evening.
Mond. 10th - Attending to some small domestic matters - Wrote Lecta Anne. Read some. Wrote Bro. H. R. Smith &

Tues. 11th Came from home to Mr. Finis V. Wilson's on Clear Creek Potawatomie Co.—some 30 miles to attend a Council. Preached at night.
Wed. 12 Attending Council at Mr. F. V. Wilson's—Recognized the Church here.
Thurs. 13 Came home.
Frid 14 Wrote to Mr. John Wolfersperger—at Lindsey Kas.
Sat. 15 Studying—Had visitors part of the day—
Sund. 16 Preached forenoon—conducted meeting in the evening. Go to Wamego late tonight to take 4 O'clock train to Solomon City—& thence by hack to Lindsey to see about the sale of some land there & to attend to some other business.
Mond. 17th Came to Lindsey & during the afternoon Sold my

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Half Section of land near Lindsey to Mr. John Wolfensperger for $22.00. $1200. of which is to be paid cash & the balance Nov. 1st 73.

Tues. 18th Stayed last night with Mr. Shear— This morning rode to Mr. Blaids & settled an account. Then rode to Mr. Chas. Weyeth & arranged with him for settlement this evening.— Returning to Lindsey closed the bargain for the ½ Sec. No. 9 T. 11. R. 3. & Received from Mr. Wolfensperger Drafts for $1200 & note for $1000.—

Wed. 19th Came from Lindsey to Solomon City— by a little after noon. At Solomon City wrote J. B. McAfee— inclosing three Drafts on the National Park Bank— for $400. $400. + $400. = $1200

for which he is to remit
me a Deed Bill, till I
can go to Topeka & have
settlement with him.

Thurs. 20th Spent most of the
day at Manhattan — Came
home in the evening & found
all well.

Frid. 21st Wrote to John Wolfers-
perger inclosing a Deed for
the land recently sold him.

Sat. 22nd Studying.

Sund. 23rd Preached forenoon &
conducted meeting in the
evening.

Mond. 24th Studying — Wrote brief-
ly to Sister Martha.

Tues. 25th Not well — Wrote to A.
F. Follett, Rebecca Smith, J.
H. Reed. Weather very cold.

Wed. 26th Preparing an Essay for
Local Association —

Thurs. 27th Wrote Rev. W. J. Finey —
Rev. Wm J. Evans &

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attended School Meeting - Visited some.

Frid. 28th Studying - Had company -

Sat. 29th Visiting sick & others most of the day.

Sund. 30th Preached forenoon - Collection for Am. Miss. Ass. Evening preached at Alma.

Mond 31st Came home from Alma - Visited sick -

Tues.

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Came to Louisville in the evening to attend meeting of District Association.

Wed. 2nd At Louisville - Attending Association.

Thurs. 3rd Came home from Louisville. ~~attended~~ Visited some sick & others attended meeting in the evening.

Frid 4th Studying -

Sat. 5th Studying & visiting sick

Sund. 6 Preached forenoon & conducted meeting in the evening.

Mond. 7th Wrote to Rev. H. M. Storrs.
Working some in garden.

Tues. 8th Studying some - Wrote Dr. Kepler - Mother - J. H. Reed requesting him to send $65. to mother - & balance to me. to Jacob F. Blessing.

Wed. 9. Working forenoon - visiting afternoon

Thurs. 10 Not well - visitors - Attending to some repairs at Church.

Frid. 11 Visiting - Studying.

Sat. 12 Studying. Wrote to H. C. Bowen, The Advance, & S. D. Storrs.

Sund. 13th Preached forenoon, & conducted meeting in the evening.

Mond. 14th Working in lot &c - Wrote Gen. C. H. Howard. A very windy cold day - some rain & snow.

Tues. 15th Reading - Cold windy day. Some snow.

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April 16th Wed. Went to Wamego. A cold rainy day.
Thurs. 17th Working at Church
Frid. 18 Studying & Visiting
Sat 19 " "
Sund. 20th Preached forenoon - A fair day, & large audience - Evening meeting well attended.
Mond. 21. Setting out trees & working in lot. Wrote G. N. Jones.
Tues. 22. Working in lot
Wed. 23 Reading Some
Thurs. 24 Working in lot
Frid. 25 Wrote Rev. J. B. McAfee. Ice froze half an inch thick here last night.
Sat. 26th Studying & visiting.
Sund. 27th A Rainy day. Spoke briefly to a few in the morning, & conducted meeting in the evening.
Mond. 28th Working at Church. Lowering the pulpit. Wrote Rev. S. D. Storrs & Rev. J. B. McAfee.

Tues. 29th Went to Manhattan & returned late in the evening.

Wed. 30th Last night not the first storm of the season. Strong wind from the East & heavy rain. The same continued till afternoon... Wrote to S. H. Fairfield. Put out some fruit trees in the evening..

Thurs. May 1st 1873.
Working at lot - setting out trees.

Frid. May 2nd Wrote to sister Lee - ta Anne - to Rev. S. J. Hines - & to Secretaries of Am. H. M. Society.

Sat. 3rd Wrote to H. C. Brown & Rev. L. Harlow.

Sund. 4th Preached forenoon, & administered Communion. Held meeting in evening. A large attendance each Service.

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Mond May 5 Wrote J. H. Reed enclosing his note which has been paid in full - Afternoon married George Holden & Rosa L. Lapham - Wrote J. B. McAfee inclosing note of \$38. paid Working part of the day.

Tues. 6 Wrote Geo. A. Nichols - To G. S. Burt at Alma remitting \$500, a loan to him. Planting Peach seeds -

Wed. 7th Took Lizzie to Manhattan to commence music lessons under tuition of Prof Lee. Returned in the evening.

Thurs. 8th A rainy day - Reading most of the time.

Frid. 9th Studying - Working a little

Sat. 10 Wrote Rev. J. B. McAfee inclosing note - leaving balance of \$72.87 yet due. Studying.

Sund. 11th Preached forenoon

at Wabaunsee—This after=
noon go to Alma to preach
tonight. Preached at Al=
ma at night.

Mond. 12 Visited School at Alma; &
afternoon came to Mr. Thos.
Kinney 3 ms. South of Wau-
bury & preached in the even
ing in the School House near
by. Sided with Bro. Kin-
ney.

Tues. 13 Came to Alma; fore-
noon—afternoon came home,
& found all pretty well.
Am Weary & not entirely
well. Last night there
~~Wed. 14~~ was a most terrible hail
Storm here. Its affects in-
dicate that it was more
Severe than any one I
have ever witnessed.

Wed. 14. Putting Glass in the
windows of our house—26
panes having been broken

out by the hail ~~evening~~
before last. Rev. S. D.
Storrs, called today & rem-
ains tonight, & desires me
to accept a Missionary ap-
pointment to Hays City &
Ellis Kas. & desires me
to go to the field at once
to prospect, & if I deem the
field encouraging to rem-
ove there soon. I feel de-
sirous to engage in Missin
work, but am in doubt
whether I should leave
this field at present.
Thurs. 15th Visiting some sick
members - one of [illegible] -
Father Isbell - is dangerous-
ly Ill, In much doubt
& with a sad heart I started
for Hays City - intending to
stop one night at Manhat-
tan. Regret to leave when
Mr. Isbell is so sick.

Reaching Manhattan, I called on Bro. Parker & also Prof. Platt, & went to see Lizzie. — Retired late & spent a wakeful night in thought on the subject of my change of fields of labor, & especially in concern for Bro. Isbell who is so ill at Wabaunsee.

Frid. 16th Replied to return home this morning — post-poning my visit to Junction City — on account of the illness of father Isbell. Came home, & found Mr. Isbell much worse. I think he cannot recover. Am indeed tired today — Wrote to Lizzie —

Sat. 17th Visiting sick — Studying some.

Sund. 18th Preached this morning

& the close of Service read to the Church my resignation of the pastorship of this Church — having during the past night come to the conclusion that under the circumstances, this is the most fair & straight forward course — as my leaving to take another field while continuing pastor of this might be offensive. It has seemed to me that this is the most proper course; I have acted on it & now pray God to direct the people here in securing a pastor & to direct me in my future course!

Mond. 19th Wrote Rev. S. D. Storrs Mr. G. A. N. Jones & Lizzie — Preached funeral of father Isbell in the Church — A large attendance —

Tues. 20th Wrote Dr. Trepler —

Wed. 21st Came from Wabaunsee to Manhattan by buggy & thence by train to Junction City. Lodge with Mr. Follett,

Thurs. 22 Came to Hays City. Visited some among the people.

Frid 23 Came to Ellis - Had an interview with the Supt. of the Rail R - O. H. Dorrance - & Mr. Edwards of the Hotel & visited others, with a view to learn the prospect for organizing a Congregational Church.

Sat. 24 Visited at Ellis forenoon & returned to Hays in the afternoon - On arriving here met Rev. Hill Supt. of Pres. Home missions & also Rev. Lee

of the Episcopal Ch— With proposing to preach here tomorrow — & each stating a purpose to form here an organization of his own denomination.

Sund. May 25 Preached forenoon at Hays — Afternoon came to Ellis & preached here in the large dining Room — a very large attendance; & all very attentive.

Mond. 26th Visiting among the people at Ellis with a view to learn how many persons will unite in forming the Organization. Secured 13 names. Evening came to Hays.

Tues. 27th Wrote to Rev. S. D. Storrs. Preparing Constitution for Church at Ellis — Visited

Victoria – the place at which Sir George Grant has made a large purchase of land & is forming a settlement.

Wed. 28th Forenoon at Hays – Afternoon coming to Ellis & remained visiting among the people here – Received three new members.

Thurs. 29 At Ellis – Finished Constitution for the Church here.

Frid. 30th At Ellis visiting among the people. Evening held a meeting for purpose of organizing a Church – Adopted a Creed & Constitution. Write to Lizzie Sutton – Rev. J. D. Mus, James Smith –

Sat. 31 At Ellis till noon – Write Rev. Essie. Evening came down to Victoria

the Station recently established on the purchase of land made by Geo. Grant Esq, of Scotland. A heavy rain continuing all the evening.

Saturday

June 1st 1873.

Reached this morning at Victoria, & coming by train to Ellis. I preached here at night, to a large & attentive audience. After Service, a meeting was held for the election of Officers – All was effected with entire harmony. I retire to rest, thankful that the effort here has succeeded so well.

Monday 2nd Came to Wallace to prospect – Lodge with Mr. Ruggles.

Tues. 3 Visiting at Wallace – Find Some half dozen people who

are desirous to have preaching here — Mr. Ruggles who has the hotel offers his dining Room for services any time a minister may come. Came down to Hays this evening. No letters; feel somewhat disappointed.

Wed. 4th At Ellis most of the day. Meeting to consult about Sunday School this evening — Pretty well attended.

Thurs. 5 At Ellis. Rode out a long distance on the Prairie — Caught a young Antelope & brought it in.

Fri. 6 At Ellis — Rode out to see some vacant land — Received letters from home. ~~Thank~~ Thank God that all are pretty well. May the Lord direct us as to what we shall do.

Sat. June 7th At Ellis - Rode out into the country westward some 6 miles - Took dinner with some herders. Lectured on diversities of the various tribes in Western Africa. A good attendance & attention.

Sund. 8 At Ellis - Organized Sunday School - about 40 persons present - Preached in the evening & took a collection of nearly $13 for Sunday School - All the exercises today held in the School House.

Mond. 9th Came from Ellis home arriving at 1 O'clock at night - Found all well.

Tues. 10th At home.

Wed. 11th Came to Lawrence to attend the annual meeting of the State Association.

Thurs. 12 At Lawrence -

Frid. 13 - At Lawrence - Wrote to

Bro. James Smith for an organ for Mr. Fairfield

Sat 14th At Lawrence till evening—when I came to Topeka.

Sund. 15th At Topeka—Preached morning & evening at the Congregational Church.

Mond. 16th Attended to some business at Topeka & then came home—All well.

Tues. 17th At home—Working in the garden.

Wed. 18th At home. Wrote to Bro. James Smith for an Organ—To J. M. Leidigh—Dr. J. E. Tepley—

Thurs. 19th At home. Attended funeral of Mr. Pardee.

Frid. 20 ~~18~~ Came from home to Manhattan by buggy—While there paid Mess. Hines—$21.85.—Handed Pres. Slie $5. or to pay freight on Organ. Came to Salina.

June 1873 – Ellis, Kan.

Sat. ~~19th~~ 21st Came to Ellis.

Sund. 22nd At Ellis – Taught large Bible Class forenoon – Preached at night. A good attendance

Mond. 23 Wrote home – also to Rev. Storrs – Rode down to Lee.

Tues. ~~22nd~~ 24 At Ellis – Lectured briefly at night.

Wed. 25 Came to Fort Harker to see Rev. A. Elliott – Came back to Harker for night freight train.

Thurs. 26 Reached Hays by locomotive this morning. Stopped off – Came up in Spring wagon with Mr. Jones & Allen – to Ellis.

Frid. 27th At Ellis visiting some.

Sat. 28th Came down to Bunker Hill to get Rev. Corbett to preach for me a Sunday at Ellis but failed. Returned to Ellis this

evening — Received a letter from Eld. J. E. Tripler enclos-ing $50 on the Pursell-Wyeth note. Also a letter from home — all well.

Sund. 29th At Ellis taught in the Sunday School forenoon & preached at night — a good attendance & attention. Took the night freight for Sali-na — thence home.

Mond. 30 Reached Salina a little before noon — Wrote Eld. J. E. Tripler — Rev. T. D. Storrs. Evening came to Manhattan

Tues. July 1st 1873.
At Manhattan in the morning — Received an Organ from Bro. James Smith for Lizzie — Remitted to J. R. Smyth $94.00. Came home — Found all well.

July 1873 – Wabaunsee

Wed. July 2nd At home.
Thurs. 3 At home.
Frid. 4 Attended picnic in grove near Wabaunsee.
Sat. 5 Came from Wabaun=see to Ellis.
Sund. 6 Preached at Ellis in the evening.
Mond. 7th At Ellis
Tues. 8th Visiting about El=lis.
Wed. July 9th
Filed on a Quar=ter Section of land for preemption being N.E. Quarter of Sec. 12 Town. 13 Range 20 – Return=ed from Hays to Ellis & rode out to stake off a piece of land on the preemption for a man to plow – man did not come. Returned Ellis.

Thurs. July 10th At Ellis fore-
noon – afternoon [illegible] West
[illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] near the Spring.

Frid. 11. Forenoon at Ellis – Af-
ternoon – Took a man –
Mr. Little down to the
claim to quarry Stone.

Sat. 12 Brought a man up
from Hays to my claim
to plow land – Staked off
the 5 acres to be plowed.

Sund. 13th At Ellis – Taught bi-
ble Class in morning & prea-
ched at night.

Mond. 14th At Ellis till night,
on account of delay of the
train – During the night
came to Manhattan

Tues. 15th At Manhattan
a few hours in the morn-
ing – Called to see Laggie

Found her rather un=
well – Came home by
a little after noon –
At home Dig[illegible] work –
& arranged some things.
Wed. 16th Brought [illegible] &
Maria to Manhattan
& returned leaving Ma=
ria there –
Thur. 17 At home working
most of the day.
Frid. 18th At home Wrote to
[illegible] – Came to Ma=
nhattan in the evening
Sat. 19 Came from Manhat=
tan to Ellis accompa=
nied by Lizzie & Maria
to participate in a little
musical entertainment
next week, at that place
Sund. 20th At Ellis – Have at=
tended the Sunday School –
Am to preach tonight –
Have received my com=

mission from the Society for $6.00.00 – all that has ever been promised on the part of the Society.

How sad I am today & have been for the last twelve hours I cannot express – An indefinite feeling of depression that really distresses me. I can trace it to nothing except a sense of the dreariness of this vast treeless prairie – contemplated as a home for my family, together with a sense of the peculiar difficulties of this field & at the same time a conviction that it is the duty of some one to occupy this field – & hence my

duty to do so till I can find some one else to come here— O God! Thou allwise one. in mercy direct in this perplexing affair.— Night Preached this evening to a fair audience— Used the new organ & had good music, Maria played.

Mond. July 21st At Ellis.—

Tues. 22 At Ellis— Wrote to C. B. Lines— Sedan—

Wed. 23rd At Ellis. Busy making preparation for the Entertainment tomorrow night.

Thurs. 24th At Ellis— Busy all the day with the preparations for the Concert which took place in the Ellis House tonight

& was a complete success.

Frid. 25th At Ellis – Worked hard all the forenoon – taking down the Stage used last night & the returning articles used. Wrote to Pylan & to Rev. J. B. M. Ase.

~~Sat. 26th At Ellis~~ Afternoon went with the girls & Mr. & Mrs. Gibbons to the place I have picked out for Preemption – & came back in a freight train at night.

Sat. 26th At Ellis – Studied a little – visited some.

Sund. 27 Superintended S. S. in the morning & spoke briefly to the School – After noon Administered Communion for the first of our little church – who were present – Nine

persons for church - there being none about here in town. Evening preached - A good attendance & good attention. I retire tonight weary - & a little sad. There is much to be done here.

Mond. July 28th - Came, with the girls, Lizzie & Maria from Ellis to Hays in the morning - Afternoon came on east - arriving at Manhattan at 11 O'clock.

Tues. 29th Came home - & found all well.

Wed. 30th At home. Visiting afternoon.

Thurs. 31st At Wabaunsee. Attended church meeting in the afternoon - & this evening came to Manhattan on the way to Ellis.

Frid. August 1st 1873

Ellis, Kansas — Aug. 1873.

Came up from Manhattan to Ellis.

Sat. Aug. 2nd At Ellis. Rain commencing last night at about 2 Oclock continues at this time 9 Oclock. The ground seems fully saturated — & is largely covered with water in all the level places. Wrote Rev. J. B. McAfee — Afternoon came to Hays.

Sund. Aug. 3rd Preached at Hays in the forenoon in a new building just erected by Mr. Hall, but not finished — A pretty good attendance. — Afternoon came to Ellis & preached at night. Attendance good.

Mond. 4 Came home — arriving at 2 Oclock at night

Tues. 5 At home.

Wed. 6 At home.

Aug. 1873 — Wabaunsee —

Thurs. 7 At home married a couple — Mr. Medley & Miss

Frid. 8 Wrote sister Mattie inclosing $5.

Sat. 9 Came to Ellis —

Sund. 10 At Ellis — Attended Sund School forenoon & preached at night. —

Mond. 11 At Ellis wrote to Rev. Blaksley, Rev. J. Jacobus & Bro James R. Smith — Start home.

Tues. 12th At Manhattan in the morning. Came home at noon.

Wed. 13 Went to Manhattan to see about renting a house for the family for a few months. Did not succeed — on account the owners of the houses being absent — very warm day.

Thurs. 14th At home — Wrote Rev.

S. D. Storrs. —

Frid. 15th At home forenoon — Evening came to Manhattan — Rented a small house into which to remove my family for a few months — Wrote to Susan,

Sat. 16th Came from Manhattan to Hays — Lodge with Mr. Jones,

Sund. 17th Preached at Hays in the morning & at Ellis in the evening.

Mond. 18th Came down in the morning to Hays — to arrange some small matters. — Wrote Rev. Storrs & Am. Tract Soc for ~~24~~ copies of Childs — Paper — Came home.

Tues. 19th At home — packing up to remove to Manhattan

Wed. 20. Packing up — Drew papers — transferring our residence here to the trustees of the Church — Working, till

after midnight.

Thurs. Aug. 21 Packing up household goods—Sent off two loads to Manhattan. Evening wrote to Rev. Dr. Mc-Vicar & Mr. T. D. Gilbert. This is the last night of our stay at Wabaunsee. I leave with a sad feeling as I always do. Feel that I have not accomplished the amount of good here that I should have done.

Frid. 22nd This morning we packed up a few articles & with the last load of our goods came on to Manhattan. The girls having come yesterday had some carpets put down & furniture placed when Mrs. Officer & I came. Evening unpacked goods

I lodge in the vestibule
house again tonight.
Am exceedingly weary.
Sat. Aug. 23rd At Manhattan
Still unpacking goods
& putting them to their
places. Put up Piano.
Write to Bro. James Smith
enclosing draft on First
Nat. Bank New York
for $94. - for Organ.
Sund. 24th Not being able to
leave home yesterday, I came
up from Manhattan to Ellis
today & preached here tonight.
Attendance pretty good.
Mond. 25. At Ellis during the
forenoon - afternoon I came
to Russell to attend the
meeting of the Association
of Western Kansas.
Tues. 26. Today we organized
the Congregational Associa-
tion of Western Kansas.

& in the afternoon heard reports from the churches- There are 12 ~~11~~ churches with an aggregate member-ship of about 158 ~~145~~ memb. & there ~~are~~ is not a house of worship complete & in course of erection- There are 6 Stations at most of which there are members & a prospect of organizing.

Wrote to Independent to The Advance- to Rev. A. M. Richardson inclosing $6.....

Wed. 27th At Russell attending meeting of Association Wrote home.

Thurs. 28th Came with the brethren to Ellis to attend Council called for the recognition of the Church here. Council met at

3 O'clock resolved to receive the church into the fellowship of the churches, & in the evening the services pertaining to the recognition were held. The weather oppressively hot & being unwell I have felt much prostration today

Frid. 29th Forenoon Spent with the brethren who were in attendance at the Council; & now am alone, & a little weary & depressed. May God help me in this difficult work. Afternoon Wrote Quarterly Report to Secretaries of the Society & also a few items to the Advance.

Sat. 30th At Ellis till afternoon Wrote some letters — Read & Studied some — Afternoon came to Hays —

Sund. Aug. 31st Preached at Hays in the morning – & at Ellis in the evening.

Mond. September 1st 1873.
Came home from Ellis –

Tues. 2nd At home at Manhattan. Wrote Bro. Gibbens. Attending to various domestic matters.

Wed. 3rd at home – Read some –

Thurs. 4th At home. Attending to domestic matters. Wrote Rev. S. D. Storrs.

Frid. 5th At home – Studying some – Preparing to go to Ellis tomorrow.

Sat. 6 Came from Manhattan to Ellis, Mrs. Officer accompanying me.

Sund. 7th At Ellis – I preached in the evening – attended Sunday School forenoon.

Mond. Sept. 8th At Ellis – Wrote Mr. Stites – Sick during the evening.

Tues. 9th Sick all last night – fever – no rest – Came home evening at 11½ at night.

Wed. 10th At home – Unwell – ~~Wrote~~

Thurs. 11th At home – Wrote Rev. Stevens remitting $31.21 for books for S.S. at Ellis. Wrote Mr. Lewis, & Dr. Kepler.

Frid. 12 At home – Studying.

Sat. 13 Came from Manhattan to Hays.

Sund. 14. At Hays forenoon. Preached in the new School House – Evening preached at Ellis. Attendance good.

Mond. 15th At Ellis forenoon Wrote Rev. J. B. McAfee – Rev. L. Blanksley – Came from Ellis to Salina – Lodged at Mr. Garvers –

Tues. 16 Came to New Cambria

early in the morning & went out to see Mr. Mc. Afee's land. Evening returned to Salina, & came home at night.

Wed. 18th At home – Studying same.

Thur. 19 At home – Bro. McAfee with me tonight.

Frid. 19 At home Studying

Sat. 20th Came to Ellis, I

Sund. 21 – Attended Sunday School at Ellis forenoon & preached in the evening.

Mond. 22nd Visiting forenoon at Ellis – Wrote Rev. J. B. Mc. Afee – Came from Ellis to Solomon City –

Tues. 23rd Went out in the country to examine some of Rev. Mc. Afee's land, on Solomon river. Returned to New Cambria, & thence took cars for home – arriving at 11½ in the night – Found all well.

Wed. 24th Came to Topeka to attend the State Fair & to see some parties on business.

Thurs. 25th Spent forenoon at Topeka— Afternoon came home. All well.

Frid. 26— At home till evening— Wrote F. Berewitz— D. Wahdenecer & Rev. Guyton—

~~Sat~~ Evening came from Manhattan to New Cambria. Lodge with Mr. S. P. Donmyer—

Sat. 27th Came to Hays City.

Sund. 28 Preached at Hays City forenoon & at Ellis in the evening.

Mond. 29th Visiting at Ellis all forenoon— Afternoon came to Wallace & thence at night to Kit Carson— There spend the night.

~~Tues.~~ 30th Came from Kit Carson

October 1873 — Las Animas

to the proposed location of the new town above Las Animas, on the South side of the Arkansas river. Lodge with Mr. R. M. Moore one mile from the site of the new town — This gentleman is married to a daughter of old Col. Bent who erected Bents Fort some miles above this on the river about the year 1826. & who lived in this region trading with the Indians from that time till about four years ago when he died at this place. Mr. Moore, a very intelligent, & agreeable man, lives here, on the land given to Col. Bent on condition of his forming a settlement here. Mrs. Moore claims as heir of Col. Bent 2,100 acres.

Said to be worth $20 per acre.

Wed. October 1st 1873.
At Mr. R. M. Moores near the site of the new town — on the Kansas Pacific R. R. Visited the place of a Mr. Boggs & Mr. Prowers — each of them very wealthy. I find the exact location of the town a little indefinite — the Rail Road Company's claim somewhat uncertain, & only three buildings in course of erection & none finished. The grading is nearly finished to the north side of the river — The piles for the bridge over the river will be driven in three or four days now, & the caps are put on as fast as the piles are driven.

The town site is two miles east of the crossing & part of the track off along the river will require filling. It will be some 3 or 4 weeks before the town will have many people. At present there are none here except the engineers - Carpenters &c. - unless a couple of saloon men who are on the ground are here to remain. The kitchen of a hotel being removed from Kit Carson, is erected & in a few days the whole structure will be up & ready for business in frontier style.

Thurs. Oct. 2nd At Las Animas till late in the evening. Came to Kit Carson at night.

Frid. October 3rd Came down early this morning to Wallace. Spent the day in visiting the people here. Some of them are very sick with fever. Preached here tonight to a considerable audience, in the dining room of the Hotel here.

Sat. 4th Came from Wallace to Ellis - At Ellis wrote bumpe. visited some during the afternoon & evening.

Sund. 5th At Ellis. Taught the bible class forenoon, & preached in the evening. Attendance & attention good.

Mond. 6th Came home.

Tues. 7th At home. Wrote to Hon. C. B. Lines, Rev. H. Jones, & my mother remitting $6.00.

Wed. 8 At home forenoon - wrote to ~~mother~~ H. R. Smith - Afternoon came to Wabaunsee -

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Thur. 9th At Wabaunsee till evening. Came home. Sold the Piano to Mr. Wm. Cotton for $250 to be paid March 1st 1873.

Frid. 10th At home. Studying a little. Wrote to Henry G. Rogers.

Sat. 11th Came from home to Hays. Lectured there at night.

Sund. 12 In consequence of a visit by the bishop of the Episcopal Church to confirm some members &c. the brethren at Hays before my arrival agreed that my time of preaching should be given up to him. I therefore came on up here to Ellis to attend Sunday School & to preach this evening. The attendance at Sunday School

was small - At preaching this evening, about as usual.

Mond. Oct. 13th Visiting at Ellis forenoon - Afternoon came home, arriving at midnight - Mrs. Officer not at all well.

Tues. 14th At home - Write to Jacob F. Blessing & Rev. J. H. Hammond. Am not well today.

Wed. 15th Went to Wabaunsee & married Mrs. Ellen F. Cutler & Mr. Geo. T. Fielding - Returned in the evening. A rainy day - the first for many weeks.

Thurs. 16th At home - Packed & helped load our piano sold to Wm. Cotton. Evening wrote to Rev. W. B. Christopher - & Mr. Geo. S. Best. Study time tonight.

Ellis – Oct. – 1873

Frid. 17th Came to Ellis – Suffering greatly from tuthache – Could do nothing all the evening

Sat. 18th At Ellis, quite unwell – face much swollen – from cold last night – Attended a meeting this evening for election of some officers in the church – but we adjourned till tomorrow night.

Sund. 19th A Sleepless night last night – had tooth extracted today – a little more comfortable – Spoke briefly at the meeting tonight – after which we had treasurers report – & deferred election of officers till a week fm next sat. night.

Mond. 20th At Ellis, wrote to Robt. M. Moore – Came to Russell & lectured here tonight – on Customs of natives of West Africa.

Tues. 21st. Came down to Bunker Hill – on freight train – & vis-

ited Rev. Dixon. Evening came
on home. Still suffering considerable
from swelling of face & gums &
soreness of throat.

Wed. 22nd At home. Not well —
Wrote to Sister Mattie — enclos-
ing $50. for mother, to be cred-
ited on note, dated Sept. 1st '70.

Thurs. 23rd At home. Wrote to Rev. J.
B. McAfee & other things.

Frid. 24 At home. Attended School
Exhibition this afternoon — Wrote
Rev. S. D. Storrs & H. F. Wolfersperger.

Sat. 25th Came from home to Hays —
Cold evening — the first slight
snow of the season.

Sund. 26 Preached at Hays in
the morning & at Ellis at
night.

Mond. 27th At Ellis till afternoon.
Wrote Rev. S. D. Storrs enclos-
ing application of Bunker
Church — Wrote Rev. J. B. McAfee.

Tues. 28th At home – Studying some.
Wed. 29th Went down to St. Marys & Bellevue to meet Bro. McAfee & examine some land, Came back in the evening accompanied by Bro. McAfee.
Thurs. 30th This morning I purchased a half Section of land in Ottawa Co. – At $2400. less $100. tax & $30. commission. Write Rev. S. D. Storrs & H. M. Drasher.
Frid. 31st Came from home to Hays. Visited in afternoon & Nov.
Sat. Nov. 1st Came to Ellis – Visited during afternoon & had meeting for election of Officers in the evening.
Sund. 2 Attended Sunday School forenoon & preached at night
Mond. 3 Came on freight train from Ellis to Manhattan.

Tues. Nov. 4th At home wrote Rev. J. B. McAfee enclosing his note of $1,100. Interest $72.50 = $1,072.50 & stating that I had made a credit on the other note of $1,197.50. the two = $2,270 = price paid for Section 34. Town 12 Range 2 in Ottawa Co.

Wed. 5th Wrote Nellie Smith remitting $65.00 interest on my loan from her.

Thurs. 6th At home. Working most of the day at various things.

Frid. 7th At home wrote to Geo. N. Jones, Bro. Thomas & Rev. A. Christopher. Working some. Wrote Rev. J. H. Harwood & R. M. Moore.

Sat. 8th At home.

Sund. 9th At Manhattan — Forenoon preached in the Congregational church — Evening heard Bro. Parker preach.

Mond. Nov. 10th At Manhattan till afternoon when I came down to Wabaunsee.
Tues. 11th At Wabaunsee till noon. Afternoon came home through a violent wind storm. Weather turning cold.
Wed 12th At home. Wrote to Rev. Geo. H. Richardson.
Thurs. 13th Wrote an article for the School paper. Sent Mother $50 currency in a registered letter. Also a Postal Order for $16 to Bro. H. R. Smith.
Frid. 14th At home.
Sat 15 Came to Wabaunsee, to preach tomorrow.
Sund. 16th At Wabaunsee. Preached forenoon, & also spoke briefly in the evening.
Mond. 17th Came home from Wabaunsee. Afternoon Stormy.

Wrote to Rev. S. D. Storrs, & Rev. — Turner.

Tues. 18th At home till afternoon— then came down to Topeka, on business—

Wed. 19 At Topeka till noon— Returned home— Stopping a train at St Marys

Thurs. 20th At home till evening. Wrote H. M. Dresher. Start for Ellis.

Frid. 21st At Ellis till noon. afternoon came to Hays. Visiting during evening.

Sat. 22nd At Hays— A rainy day— though the rain fall is but slight.

Sund. 23rd Preached at the Gibson House to a few people Having been smoked out of the School House. also preached at same place in the evening.

Mond. 24th Came to Ellis.

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Mond. 24 Still at Ellis. Visited most of the day. Evening wrote Rev. J. A. J. Irvine & Rev. S. D. Storrs.

Tues. 25th Came home.

Wed. 26th At home. Wrote letter Scota. Annie enclosing $1.50 balance of interest on note held by mother for $100, dated Sept 1st 170 & asked the note to be returned. Wrote T. D. Gibbons — J. P. Devereux — H. F. Wolfensperger.

Thurs. 27th At home. Attended Union Thanksgiving Services at the Baptist Church.

Frid. 28th At home till evening. Wrote Rev. M. J. Firey.

Sat. 29th At Ellis till noon — then came to Hays to confer about completing Organization —

Sund 30th Preached ~~[illegible]~~ at Ellis at night.

Mond.

December 1873

1 Came home from Ellis - Rode to the country, & returned.

Tues. 2nd At home - Wrote proposed amendments to the Constitution of the General Association of Kansas.

Wed. 3rd At home. Wrote Constitution for Congregational church of Hays City. Read a review article - Wrote Rev. E. B. Turner, & J. H. Fairfield. - A cold day with some snow.

Frid. 5 Went to Wamego & returned, in the evening & then came on up to Ellis.

Sat. 6th At Ellis till noon - afternoon came to Hays. A very snowy day - This evening the snow fall is about 8 inches deep.

Sund. 7th At Hays - Preached fore

noon & evening.

Mond. 8th Came home from Hays. Write Rev. E. B. Turner.

Tues. 9 At home till evening then came down to Wabaunsee to see Dr. Weaver, who is very sick — Found him very weak from hemmorage of the lungs — Spend the night with him.

Wed. 10th At Wabaunsee with × Dr. Weaver till afternoon — Left pretty comfortable but weak. He is one of the most heroic souls I have ever met. His patience, resignation, faith & cheerfulness are wonderful. Came home this evening. Rain fall all forenoon.

× Since deceased. gave the same $10

Thurs. 11th At home — A rainy day — Studied some.

Frid. 12th Studied most of the day. — Start for Ellis Co =

night
Sat. 13th At Ellis — Visited some. Have felt deeply perplexed about the question of my removing to this place — Retire very sad tonight.

Sund. 14 Attended Sunday School this afternoon — School very small. Preached in the evening in the dining room of the Ellis House — attendance small. Intended to return home tonight; but the Trustees of the Church have requested me to remain with a view to decide tomorrow whether I will remove to this place. Have determined to remain.

Mond. 15th Visiting at Ellis. This evening after a consultation with the Trustees, I decided to remove

my family to Ellis with in two weeks. I now feel relieved of much of the perplexity of this matter; as I am persuaded that under the circumstances it is my duty to continue my efforts here a while longer — & to remove my family here at once. I believe this is Gods call to me & I obey it as such — & can with confidence ask Gods blessing on my work.

Tues. 16th Reached home this morning at 10 O'clock. Commenced packing up to remove to Ellis. Evening wrote Mrs. Butterfield inclosing $3.00 — Rev. E. B. Turner, Rev. C. L. Goodell & Henry C. Bowen.

Wed. 17th At home. Wrote to The Advance, Independent, Remittance #2.00
Thurs. 18th At home packing goods.
Frid. 19 At home till evening. Came down to Wabaunsee.
Sat. 20th At Wabaunsee part of the day – Came to Alma.
Sund. 21st At Alma – preached there forenoon – Afternoon came to Wabaunsee. Reached at night.
Mond. 22 Came to Manhattan.
Tues. 23 Packing up goods to remove.
Wed. 24th Packing up goods & putting them on board the car. I leave this evening on the freight train taking little Albert with me. The rest of the family will follow to-morrow.
Thurs. 25th Reached Brinkville at 10 A.M. – being 6 hours behind time. The car with

my goods is delayed here till tomorrow morning - so I take the passenger train tonight & go up to Ellis with the rest of the family.

Frid. December 26th Reached Ellis at 2 O'clock this morning - & the car with our goods came tonight.

Sat 27th Unloaded the household goods & removed them to the house we are to occupy - a small framed - or rather box house belonging to the R. R. Co.

During the afternoon we put up a stove & two beds & we lodge here tonight. Thanks to God we are all well - & in our own hired house!

Sund. 28th At Ellis. The School

House, being yet unfinished, we had Sunday School during the Afternoon in the Dining Room of the Ellis Hotel - Also preached at the same place in the evening. Preached with but little satisfaction, as I was not well. Have felt very sad part of time today as we cannot be comfortable in the small house we have - as the country is bleak, & windy - & as the work before me is difficult.

Mond. 29th Unpacking goods & arranging household affairs.

Tues. 30th At home -

Wed. 31st At home - Still arranging household affairs.

Thurs. - January 1st 1874.
At home. Finished unpacking goods & "fixing up"

Jan. 1st 1874.

Wrote H. F. Wolfersperger —
remitting draft on [illegible] for $150.00
S. H. Fairfield & Rev. J. G. Daugherty. The weather for a few days has been beautiful indeed.
Now may God help me to be faithful to his cause during this year — if it is his will that I continue alive so long!

Frid. Jan. 2nd At home — A warm & pleasant day — Thermometer stood during this afternoon at 60° above zero. Studied some today.

Sat. 3rd At home — Read & Studied most of the day. This morning the wind blew strong from the south & was warm. During the forenoon it hauled round to the N. W. — grew cold & more violent — & in the evening came from the N. E. with considerable snow. Now at 9

o'clock — the storm is fearful — such as to terrify the traveller. It would be impossible to travel any considerable distance by private conveyance in any direction on the prairie, & one could scarcely face the storm for even a mile or two. The train will hardly pass through on which I expected to go to Hays to preach tomorrow. May God have mercy on any poor men who may be out on the high prairie tonight!

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Wed. 7th At Ellis – visiting part of the day. Wrote Bro. Jas. B. Smith & H. H. Wolfersperger.

Thurs. 8th At home – Reading some.

Frid. 9 At home – Wrote H. F. Wolfersperger in reply to receipt of $350.00 – & inclosing note & mortgage – Bal. yet due $33.86. Wrote to E. B. Purcell remitting Draft for $350. to be loaned

Sat. 10th At home – Studying.

Sund. 11th Preached to the children forenoon – Attended Sunday School – Preached again at night. Attendance the largest we have yet had; & attention very good.

Mond. 12th At home – Reading some – visited a little. ✓ Wrote to Mr. J. S. Gibbons & to

Jacob H. Blessing inclosing $13 in a Registered letter.

Tues. 13th At home - Reading Service. Wrote Lizzie inclosing $2.00

Wed. 14th At home - Wrote to E. B. Purcell - Studying -

Thurs. 15th At home.

Frid. 16th At home - Wrote to sister Mattie - H. F. Wolfersperger.

Sat. 17 Came to Hays City - Wrote A. L. P. Wearn - Wrote E. B. Purcell remitting Postal Order for $50. Writing most of the day.

Sund. 18th At Hays during forenoon - Preached to the Children - Came home afternoon & preached here at night.

Mond. 19th At home - Wrote Bro. J. R. Smith inclosing draft on N. W. Nat. Bk. Chi. for $80.35 - per A. G. McHicks for Organ. No. 61 Root & Co.

Tues. 20th Went to Hays & returned. Studied home - Wrote to J. R.

Smith ordering a Bur-
dett Organ 1 "St" for Mr.
J. Copley.

Wed. 21 At home— Reading—

Thurs. 22 At home— Visiting some & read-
ing—

Frid. 23rd At home. Reading part of the
day— Examining & arranging my
accounts with some parties— Wrote
S. H. Fairfield— including ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~. Wrote to Lizzie & to Rev.
W. B. Christopher.

Sat. 24th Studying forenoon— Visiting
afternoon—

Sund. 25 Taught bible class forenoon—
Preached at night— Good attendance
& attention.

Mond. 26th Reading most of the day.

Tues. 27th Reading— Wrote James
R. Smith— Ordering Organ
No 55—

Wed. 28th At home— Studying— Wrote
Rev. (R. S. F. [illegible]) L. D. Stone— forwarding, ap-

plication of Con. Ch. at Great Bend Rev. H. A. Brundige - for $450 for year commencing Dec. 15th 1874.

Thur. 29 At home - Studying - Wrote Rev. D. Harbaugh - L. R. Elliott.

Frid. 30 At home Studying -

Sat. 31 At home Wrote L. P. Weaver & A. Haynes - A Stormy day - Some snow pretty cold.

Sund. Feb. 1st 1874. Forenoon, preached at Hays - evening at Ellis - only a small attendance at each place. There is not encouragement to labor here. If affairs do not improve soon I shall not feel bound, to subject my children to the disadvantages of this place for all the good I can do here.

Mond. Feb. 2nd Slept less than two hours last night - thinking over the situation here & my duty to remain. The shocking vulgarity

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& profanity — the sabbath breaking — & habitual drinking of intoxicating liquors that almost here abounds make the place hopeless.

Tues. 3rd At home — Reading.

Wed: 4 Went to Hays — Write to Independent inclosing Postal Order for $6.50 — Write to James R. Smith remitting U. S. Check for $50. Came home in the evening — A very stormy day & considerable snow.

Thur. 5th Went to Hays; visited some — though snow about one foot deep was a hinderance. Sent Postal Order for $40. to J. R. Smith — Write Rev. J. H. Reid. Came home at night.

Frid. 6th At home — Studying most of the day. Finished reading Morell's History of Modern Philosophy.

Sat. 7th At home - Studying.
Sund. 8 At Sunday School forenoon - Preached in the evening.
Mond. 9th At home - Reading - Wrote Sister Lecta -
Tues. 10th At home Working most of the day. Visiting some
Wed. 11th Studying part of the day - Wrote Jacob F. Blessing - Miss P. M. Haines. Wrote Post master Carbondale - Rev. Asa Bullard & Rebbie Smith.
Thurs. 12th Studying & reading.
Frid. 13 At home Studying
Sat 14th Studying part of the day.
Sund. 15 Preached forenoon at Hays - Evening at Ellis.
Mond. 16 At home. Wrote E. B. Purcell inclosing draft on First Nat. Bk. Phila. for $100. to be put on deposite for the present - Not well.
Tues. 17 At home - Not well.
Wed. 18 At home - Mr Dorrance left.
Thurs. 19 - At home.

Frid. 20th Went to country a few miles & returned,

Sat. 21 Came to Hays this morning to attend funeral of Clara Allen. On account of severe snow storm the funeral has been postponed till to-morrow forenoon. I remain at Hays.

Sund. 22. At Hays forenoon. Preached funeral at 11 to a large audience for this western country. Evening late, came home – the train being detained by the snow drifts. Spoke briefly to a few people at Ellis.

Mond. 23 At Ellis. Spent much of the day in attending to small matters connected with the School House & new term of School.

Wrote E. B. Purcell, inclosing Note for $250. on W. F. Colton, also a Check on 1st N. Bk. Leav. for $33. to W. F. Colton. Rev. S. L. Stivers & Rev. A. H. Annis.

Tues. 24th At home – very cold day – Reading – Wrote Revs. J. B. McAfee & John R. Mitchell – Am not well. The severe cold affects my throat.

Wed. 25 Studying & reading.

Thurs. 26th At home Studying. Wrote to Maj. J. W. Burks –

Frid. 27 Went Hays – visited some & returned in the evening. Not well – Right lung somewhat sore

Sat. 28 At home – Studying some but feel rather unwell.

Sund.

March 1874

1 Preached at Hays in the forenoon, & at Ellis in the evening – Spake with tolerable ease – but am uncomfortable tonight.

Mond. March 2nd At home – Too unwell to do any work.

May 11th 1874.
The first day I could walk to a neighbor's house.

Ellis, Kas.
May, 11th 1874.

A long period of severe suffering, mingled with my Father's tender goodness, at every stage — And I gratefully & humbly here record, that I saw, & heard something of the Spirit Land. Happy & happifying sounds, of human voices yet other than ours — greeted my ear. A vast unbounded world of life & light, greeted ~~[illegible]~~ my eyes. It seemed that ~~the for~~ place & limit ~~seemed to~~ faded away. So time seemed nothing ~~ay~~ any more

I had a full recollection of wife & children, & loved them with a depth of affection never experienced, yet felt no concern for them, if I were called to pass over the shadowy line; for they seemed so immediately under the Father's tender care. Nor was I the least unwilling, if God saw best, to return to them & toil for them & the cause of truth with increased integrity. And when it seemed I was to return I rejoiced, & henceforth I fully & un-

-wavering by belief I would recover.

O Lord God my Father, who hast brought me back from the border of the Spirit Land, as I think — Who, at least, as men tell it, has drawn me from the "Border of the grave — help me to live to Thee!

M. Officer.

Ellis, Kas.

May 11th Sent E. R.
Powell, Bk, a ~~Ct~~
Draft on Val. Nat
Bk. St. Louis, for
$60. to be placed
to my credit.
Wrote John R. Mitchell
about Sec. 34. Describing
& directing to it.
Wrote to James Job-
lin, Solomon Cit. Sta-
I would take for Sec.
34, $2.600 – ⅓ down –
Bal. in 3 equal annu-
al payments with
12 per cent int. Purcha-
ser to pay tax of pres.
year.
May 12 Wrote S. H. Fairfield
enclosing receipt for
$60. int. on note
by him & G. S. Burt.
May 13 Wrote Rev. D. B. Coe

~~Cor.~~ Sec. Am. H. Soc. explaining my failure to report.

May 14 Arranging papers

May 15 Wind severe — not so well. Did nothing.

May 16th Examining old journals — papers &c. with a view to reduce their bulk.

May 17th Sunday.

Today walked to the School House — attended the opening exercises of the Sunday School — & taught the Bible class, & walked back without harm, as I think. Thank God for this great privilege!

Mond 18th. Working some about the house — Vis-

ited a young man, severely wounded by an Engine — prayed with & for him & his mother, & lent him a book to read. They Seem much delighted, & affected. Also went to blacksmith Shop, & got Some Staples made for Organ Box.

Tues. 19th Walked out Some but most of the day was occupied in Small matters in doors.

Wed. 20th Repaired the Organ at the School House. Wrote Bro. Jas. Smith & T. D. Gilbert & Rev. S. D. Storrs.

Thurs. 21st Attending to Small duties in doors, during

forenoon, the wind being rather Cold. Afternoon, began circulating Subscription — or rather Soliciting contributions to Home Missions. Got $15.25. Wrote to Dr. Robinson

Frid. 22nd Repaired kitchen door so as to keep out the rain — Arranging Journals & accounts with the Church, which have been kept very loosely — Also examining Treasurers Book — which seems about correct upon the whole — though items pertaining to Sunday School are often set down to the the Church & vice versa.

Sat. 23rd Reading Some — Examined Sand School Lesson for tomorrow.

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Sat. Evening wrote O. H. Dorrance. Visited the wounded young man prayed with him & left him two more books to read.

Sund. 24 Conducted Sund School & taught my class. Evening rode a short distance to the country to see a sick member. Mr Hart.

Mond. 25 Wrote S. H. Fairfield enclosing G. S. Butts note for $35.50

Tues 26th A windy day working a little about the house. Sent off Report Secretaries of Soc. Wrote Mr. W. Barrows of Con. Pub. Soc. Boston. Wrote sister Rebbie Smith.

May
Wed. 27th Settling up Ac-
counts - working
a little about the
house - A very win-
dy day - Not so well as
I have been - There hav-
ing been very severe wind
all day. Have decided to
to go to Manhattan tonight
to consult Dr. Robinson.
Thurs. 28th Manhattan - Left
home last night at 10
Oclock & reached this
place at 10 thirty A. M.
Feel better than when
I left home. Lodge
with Dr. Robinson. At-
tended to some Business
& banks & in Stores.
Frid. 29 At Manhattan
till 5½ Oclock, when
Mr. Officer & I took

1874 the train for home.
Reached Ellis at 2½ at
night.

Sat May 30th At home - Tol-
erably well - though
the morning is rainy.

Sund. 31 A Slightly rainy
day. Still I ventured to
Sund. School, took slight
cold & suffer much to-
night in my lungs. It
was an error to go.

Mond.
June 1st Not well today
as usual - Lung sore.
Wrote Dr. David B. Coe -
Rev. L. Blakesley. [illegible]
Geo. S. Burt - Rev. R Cordley
Mr. Jno. F. Blessing - H. F.
Wolfersperger -

Tues. 2 Still suffering a
good deal during the fore=
noon - much better after
noon - Working at a

vious small things about the house.

Wed. 3rd Went to Hays - visited some, & returned in the evening very weary.

Thurs. 4th At home, working about house a little - the day windy & rather cool in the afternoon - Heavy rain north.

Wrote O. H. Dorrance,

Frid. 5th Making preparation to pack up - in view of the probability of our removal in a very short time. Afternoon visited a sick member a little distance in the country. Am still improving, I think.

Sat. 6th At home working a little.

Sund. 7th Attended Sunday

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School- Day very warm- afternoon baptized the the little daughter of Jonas Weeks- a Sweede- at our own house. Am Still improving- being Stronger than a week ago.

Mond. June 8th A windy & rather cool day- Took some cold last night Not so well today. Preparing to go to the meeting of the State Association at Topeka.

Tues. 9th Preparing to go to Meeting of State Association

Wed. 10- Arrived at Topeka at 2 O' P. M.- Lodge with Bro. Mc. Afee. Am very weary, & hoarse from the dust & wind on the train.

Thurs. 11th Attended the Sess=

ion of Association, forenoon, afternoon rode out to Bro. Mc. Afee's farm.

Frid. 12 At Topeka - Attending Session of Ass. part of the day - Not so well - Atmosphere too cool & damp for me.

Sat. 13 At Topeka - Confined to the house all day by the wetness & coldness of the weather - Afternoon attended Ass.

Sund. 14th At Topeka - Attended preaching forenoon by Dr. Ray & Communion in the afternoon. Enjoyed each service very much. Evening remained in doors.

Mond. 15th Still at Topeka - Attended closing Session of Ass. this forenoon. Had some conference with bro. Storrs & Dr. Ray. Wrote a short letter to the Children at home.

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~~Tues~~ 16 June

~~Mond.~~ evening came to Lawrence - having been met at Topeka Depot by Mrs. Officer - to visit our friends C. H. Lorrance & wife. Now Supt. of Kaw Valley Div. of K. P. R. R. Have had a pleasant time -

~~Wed~~ ~~Tues~~ June 17 At Lawrence till afternoon - then came to ~~Wamego~~ & thence were brought by Bros. Best & Thomas to Wabaunsee - Will attend a Festival here tonight -

~~Thurs~~ ~~Wed.~~ 18 Came from Wabaunsee to Manhattan Lodge with Bro. Parker -

Frid 18 & At Manhattan Forenoon - Recv from Parallels Bk - Draft for $50 - Deposited $140 - & $50 = $190.

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Frid. 19 Wrote to Rebbie Smith remitting Draft for $600.

Sat. 20th Reached home last night or rather this morning at 4 O'clock. Am weary, but my lung feels much relieved.

Wrote Geo. S. Burt.

Sund. 21 Attended Sunday School. Very weary in the afternoon,

Mond. 22nd Working a little. Wrote O. H. Advance & Rev. M. J. Firey.

Tues. 23 Visited some. Worked a few hours. Wrote M. A. W. Porter & Monson, Mass. demise of books. (Elopement)

Wed. 24 About the Shops forenoon. Visiting & entertaining visitors.

Thurs. 25 Working forenoon. Visiting afternoon.

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Frid. 26th Went to Hays & vis-
ited among the people.
The day very warm -
Ther. Stood at 109 deg.
Came home very tired

Sat. 27th Wrote Bro. James R.
Smith ordering an Organ
for Mrs. O. H. Dorrance -
to Dr. J. Robinson - to E.
B. Purcell - S. Notz - S. H.
Fairfield -

Sund. 28th Attended Sunday
School forenoon & evening
Conducted the Annual
meeting of the Church.
Read two reports for ab-
sent officers, & Presided
at the election of offi-
cers.

Mond. 29th At home. Not
so well as usual. En-
tertained visitors nearly
all the afternoon & even-
ing.

Tues. 30th 1874. At home making records of the meeting last night with reports. Visit in the afternoon. Wrote Mr. Storrs.

Wed. July 1st
Went to Hays – Wrote Miss Rebbie Smith remitting balance due her.

Thurs. 2nd At home

Frid. 3rd At home. Wrote to Rev. J. W. Gridley, Rev. C. Anderson – Rev. J. Crute & Mr. Fresher.

Sat. 4th Attended picnic in the grove on J. H. Edwards' farm.

Sund. 5 Attended Sunday School forenoon & Spoke on Temperance at night. We had quite a Spirited meeting.

Mond. 6th At home – Somewhat weary. Wrote to Rev. S. D. Storrs.

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Tues. 7 At home- Repairing Sewing Machine- Wrote to Rev. S. D. Storrs.

Wed. 8 Wrote to Miss Kellie Smith & E. B. Parcell-

Thurs. 9 At Hays- visiting.

Frid. 10th At home- Wrote E. E. Rowland & Mrs. Abby P. Morse.

Sat. 11th At Hays- Not so well as usual-

Sund. 12th Preached at Hays in the morning & at Ellis in the evening.

Mond. 13 Wrote J. B. Corbett- Bro. J. H. Menges- Smith & Nixon- Z. F. Garver- Rev. J. B. McAfee.

Tues. 14 At Ellis-

Wed. 15 Came down to Salina on last nights train.- Wrote Home- Rev. R. D. Parker- E. E. Rowland.

Thurs. July 16 Came from Salina to Manhattan, to consult Dr. Robinson. Lodge with Bro. Parker.

Frid. 17th Came from Manhattan to Topeka & thence to Emporia, arriving at about 6 O clock — Lodge here with Mrs. Abby Morse.

Sat. 18 At Emporia — Received a letter from home.

Sund. 19th Preached in Con. Ch. Emporia — with more ease to myself than I had hoped. Spent after noon with my old friends Bailey & Fiery — Enjoyed myself very much.

Mond. 20th At Emporia. Remained at Emporia during the week.

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Sund. July 26th Preached at Emporia forenoon - Am not as well as usual.

Mond. 27th At Emporia.

Tues. 28th Came from Emporia to Wabaunsee.

Wed. 29th At ~~Emporia~~ Wabaunsee. Received $210 on parsonage debt.

Thurs. 30th Came from Wabaunsee to Ellis.

Frid. 31st At home. Received $100 from Mr. Garner on the Dresher note.
Wrote G. S. Burt - J. P. Lev, creditt remitting $113.28.
J. F. Garver Esq. - Rev. C. J. McHenry - Rev. J. S. Storrs.

~~Sat. 31st At Ellis.~~

~~Sund.~~ August 1874

1 At Ellis. Not as well as usual.

Sund. 2nd At Ellis - At=

tended Sund. School
but did not preach
in the evening — as I
had rheumatism & there
was slight rain

Mond. Aug. 3rd At Ellis —
Am quite uncom=
fortable from difficulty
of breathing.

Tues. 4th At Ellis. Feel a
little better today.

Wed. 5th At home — Will start
tonight for Southern Ills.

Thurs. 6 Left Ellis at 12 A.
M. Came through Kan-
sas — Leave Kansas C. at 5 P. M.

Frid. 7 Reached this place —
Carbondale at 10 O'clock
A. M. Weather very warm
& I feel considerably op=
pressed.

Sat. 8th Came to Makanda —
& thence to Jacob Blessings

Sund. Aug. 9th At Mr. Blessings— Went to Cobden intending to attend church, but got so wetted by a heavy rain— that we at once returned. Write to the children. Am sad today. May God direct me in the right way.

Mond. 10th Examined land &c.

Tues. 11th At Mr. Blessing's

Wed. 12 Riding about the country most of the day.

Thurs. 13th Examining lines of my land.

Frid. 14th Came to Cobden. Received letters from home— All well— How good to get letters! Came to Makanda

Sat. 15th Walked out into the country 3½ miles to see land— Attended by Thos. Hagler— Came

back to Makanda &
thence to Carbondale.
Stop at Hundley
House.

Sund. Aug. 16 At Carbondale
Attended preaching at
the Pres. Ch. forenoon &
preached there evening.
Wrote to the girls.

Mond. 17 Came to Ma-
kanda — Wrote to Mr.
Lawrence & Mrs. Nurse.
Go out this evening to
the neighborhood of my
land to see the surveyor.

Tues. 18th Surveying the 80
acre lot I own in this
county. Weary tonight.

Wed. 19th Came over to Makan-
da. Wrote to Bro. Burt.
Am not at all well.

Thurs. 20th Getting some
peaches to can for our
own use.

Frid. Aug. 21st At Mr. Thos. Haglers canning some Peaches. Ingynd [?] it a tedious task - as I did not understand it. How much difficult labor women have generally to do. How much of labor, care & anxiety my dear wife has borne: & what skill, patience, & endurance she has manifested!

Sat. Aug. 22 At Mr. Haglers near Makanda - Finished canning. Wrote to brother J. Copley - sister Maria,

Went out in the evening to Mr. Isom Haglers, 5 miles N. W.

Sund. 23rd Attended divine service at Union Hill

Church - A large attendance
Lodge with Bro Hagler.
Wed. Aug. 24th Rode to Mr.
Bowlus to examine his
small farm for sale - Rode
into Carbondale a letter
from Mrs. Brosset Return
ed from Car. to Mr. Bow
lus.
Thur. 25 Went to & examined
Mr. Bristol's farm 4 miles
S of Carbondale thence
rode on to Makanda a
letter from Mrs. Leslie.
Wrote to Susan.
Wed. 26th At Mr. Hagler's -
near Makanda.
Thurs. 27 Came to Carbondale
& found Susan & little Har=
ry here. Having come yes=
terday - Neither of them
well - A rainy day &
the atmosphere rather
oppressive to me.

Carbondale Aug. 1874

Frid. 28th At Carbondale—
A rainy day.
Sat. 29 Still damp weath-
er—Little Harry sick.
Sund. 30th Still at the
Handley House, Carbon-
dale—Harry very sick
with bealing on his
limb—Myself sick
with fever—tired
worn out with care
& trouble with Harry.
Mond. 31st At Handley
House—Some better—The
bealing on Harry limb
broke this morning &
he is much easier.
Tues. September 1874
1 Afternoon came out
4 miles S. W. to Wm.
Haylers.
Wed 2nd Came to Squire
Haylers.
Thurs. 3 Helping my wife

to make peach butter-
Frid. Sept. 4 Went to Mr.
Blessings.
Sat. 5th Showed corners
of land to Mr. B. & then
came to W. Hayler's
& thence to Carbondale-
No letters from home.
Am quite unwell-
Henry still sick- Am
as miserable as I
well can be- No pros-
pect of health- Means
rapidly failing- in
constant misery al-
most day & night.
Have never been so ut-
terly disheartened before.
May God have mercy
on me.
Sund. 6 At Carbondale
Too sick to go out at
all

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Mond. 7th At Carbondale till in the night — when We Started for Kansas.
Tues. 8 Came as far as Holden — in much distress — Both little Harry & myself suffering much — Lodge tonight at Holden.
Wed. 9 Came to Topeka — Stopped at Bro. McAfee Harry & Self sick — Have determined to bring the rest of the family there & Spend the winter as I am unable to do any work. Looked about for a house.
Thurs. 10th Came to Manhattan — to consult Dr. Robinson — Lodge at Cottage Hotel. Quite unwell.
Frid. 11th Came to Ellis — arriving here
Sat 12th at 3 A.M. A

very cold wet morning. Packing goods - Am weary & inexpressibly sad.

Sund. 13th At Ellis. Sick all day. Weather cold & wet.

Mond. 14th Packing goods at Ellis & Shipping to Topeka. Take train tonight for Manhattan.

Tues. 15th At Manhattan.

Wed. 16th Came to Wabaunsee to get the children ready to go to Topeka. All the people very kind.

Thurs. 17 Came to Topeka - The household goods here - Had them hauled over & put in house - Family lodge there tonight - So fall removal this. Little Harry still sick.

Frid. 18th Unpacking goods & arranging house. Ht. Harry

not so well. Myself suffer-
ing much.

Sat. 19th Last night Harry grew
worse - Had a bad night.
Is very sick this evening.

Sund. 20th Dear, little Harry
still sinking with
membranous croup. No
hope of his recovery since
yesterday morning. O God
God how hard this trial!
Added to all that has pre-
ceded it, it seems more
than I can bear. Am
almost driven to despair.
God seems to have cast
me off.

Mond. 21st Last night at
half past twelve Dear
little Harry departed.
At first I was so over
joyed at his release from
suffering - that I even re-

joiced that he was gone. But this morning as I miss his sweet voice & smiling little face, every day & every fresh sickens & I can hardly feel reconciled to the loss. How sorely I am tried! Has God indeed cast me off! O how sad & drear is life!

Tues. 22 Today at noon a beautiful clear calm day — thank God — we laid the body of our dear little Harry in the grave. During services at our house conducted by Dr. Mc. Cabe & Prof. Slice I felt strengthened of God, & more reconciled to our great loss than before.

Afternoon wrote to mother — A. H. Dorrance — A. B.

Garner — J. G. Beverly &
S. H. Fairfield.

Wed. 23rd At home —

Thurs. 24th Wrote Elis. Rogers.

Frid. 25th making pailing for dear little Harry's grave. Wrote Dr. J. Robinson & T. F. Garner.

Sat. 26th Not so well as usual — In bed part of the day.

Sund. 27th Attended Presbyterian Church, with whole family — & heard Dr. McKabe preach a good sermon.

Mond. 28 At home —

Tues. 29 Attending to various home matters.

Wed. 30th Put paling about Our dear little Harry's grave.

Thurs. October
Oct ~~Sept.~~ 1st Repairing

broken furniture &c.
Wrote Dr. Robinson.
Frid. Oct. 2nd At home
Sat. 3rd At home.
Sund. 4 Heard Bro. McAlister
preach two excellent Sermons. Taught a S.S. Class.
Mond. 5th Wrote Bro. Imhoff.
Tues. 6th Wrote Rev. H. Baker
Wed. 7th Wrote Dr. Robinson &
Bro. Burt.
Mond. 11 Wrote James Tobin
about Sec. 34.

J G Beverly
Johnson

Ellis 300 miles west of Kansas city on Kansas Pacific R.R.